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It is rumored that Secretary of State Gresham will resign and that Mr. Cleveland will appoint Don M. Dickinson in his place. Such an appointment would be an honor to Michigan and Don couldn't make a more unpopular record in the office than Gresham has done. Indeed, if Mr. Dickinson didn't spend too much time chasing rainbows, he would doubtless make an enviable record, as he has the ability to do so.

If Secretary Gresham had notified England that the United States could not permit little Nicaragua to be bullied into paying a claim that had never been decided by any national or international tribunal to be a just one, Gresham and Cleveland stock would have taken a big jump in the political market. But of course the administration took the wrong horn of the dilemma, as it has done in every international complication, and a bad and dangerous precedent has been established.

THE question of restoring capital punishment for murder in this state is receiving serious consideration in the legislature. The NORTHERNER believes such an enactment would be a backward step. The taking of the second human life cannot restore the first. We appreciate the awful frequency of Michigan murders, and would that some means might be devised to put a stop to the record. We would suggest that the pardoning power in the case of life prisoners convicted of murder, be taken from the hands of the governor and board of pardons absolutely except on proof of innocence. The certainty of life imprisonment would, we believe, be as powerful a deterrent as the gallows, and much more in keeping with our modern civilization.

They Are Legal Tender.

The NORTHERNER has heretofore given the legal tender qualities that attach to the various different kinds of government currency, but a persistent effort is made on the part of the populists and their deluded followers to create a false impression in the minds of the people by the repeated statement, both printed and oral, that silver dollars are legal tender only for the limited sum of five dollars, when, in point of fact, their legal tender capacity is without limit, except by special contract. The following is the language of the statute: "There shall be coined at the several mints of the United States silver dollars of the weight of 412½ grains troy standard silver as provided in the act of January 18, 1837, on which shall be the devices and superscriptions provided by said act; which coins together with all silver dollars heretofore coined by the United States of like weight and fineness shall be a legal tender at their nominal value for all debts and dues public and private except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract."

Conveyances.

The following transfers of real estate were recorded in the register's office during the past week:
W. C. White to Julia Sheldon; w q s e q 4 and lands on sec 9 Antwerp; \$1150.
Robert Scott to John Lyle; n e q n w q 35; Arlington; \$1740.
E. M. Napier to G. H. Champlin; land vill South Haven; \$2375.
Christopher Young to Mary Young; s e q n w q 35 Bloomingdale; \$1000.
Levi Stoker to A. J. Vincent; lot 1 blk 18 Bittely's add Lawton; \$300.
A. S. Packard to W. C. Shaffer; 33 a e s w q 27 South Haven; \$700.
Helen M. Mosier to E. H. Harvey; 48 a n w q 12 Paw Paw; \$3000.
S. N. Van Fleet to Sarah S. Huntley; lots 2, 3, 6 blk 6 Dodge's add Lawton and 20 a n w q n e q 29 Antwerp; \$4000.
J. C. Speicher to Lewis Palmer & w; e 25 a w 65 a n 100 a w q n w q 5 Waverly; \$1000.
A. B. Copley to Calista E. Brigham; w h n e q 22 Decatur; \$600.
A. B. Copley to Lyseom Brigham; e h n w q and n h s w q 23 Decatur; \$1280.
H. D. Forsythe to Eugene Cooley; lots 10, 11 blk 32 Paw Paw; \$500.
E. D. Grenier to J. E. Hamilton; e h lot 7 blk 8 Dodge's add Lawton; \$135.
Loretta Grills et al to Jerusha D. Corey; n 30 a w h s w q 19 Lawrence; \$900.
Loren Searles to C. E. Robinson; lot vill Breedsville; \$50.

While in Stockton, Cal., some time ago, Thos. F. Langan of Los Banos, that state, was taken severely with cramps and diarrhea. He chanced to meet Mr. C. M. Carter, who was similarly afflicted. He says: "I told him of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and we went to the Holden Drug Store and procured a bottle of it. It gave Mr. Carter prompt relief and I can vouch for its having cured me." For sale by Longwell Bros.

CHINESE CRUELTY.

Horrors of the Place of Public Execution.

The Terrible Butchery of Criminals Regarded by the People as an Occasion for Joking and Rejoicing—Work of the Headman.

Some four years ago I spent four days in Canton, the metropolis of southern China, on a special mission to investigate Chinese justice, and the results surpassed my most ghastly anticipation, says a writer in Harper's Weekly.

What I witnessed was nothing unusual, and is the daily practice of the country, but I am compelled to tone down the details to make them presentable for publication. Nothing but the strongest spirit of inquiry, supported by an iron resolution, carried me through the horrors of those days, and for weeks afterward I suffered from perpetual nightmare.

The place of execution, or "Matou," as it is called by the Chinese, is a filthy yard, long and narrow, like a blind alley, and, singularly enough, it is used as a potter's field when not required for execution.

On a cold January afternoon I proceeded thither to witness the final release of a batch of poor wretches who had already undergone a prolonged course of torture.

On this occasion the death squad consists of thirteen, who are tightly bound hand and foot and carried in, huddled up in baskets slung on a bamboo between two coolies. On arriving at the center of the ground these living loads are pitched out unceremoniously, and immediately seized by the executioner and his assistants, who arrange them in two lines in a kneeling position.

At a nod from the presiding mandarin, and with incredible swiftness, the butchery commences. The assistant seizes the first victim by the shoulders from behind, while the executioner steps up to his left side, armed with an enormously heavy short sword with a broad blade and a razorlike edge. Without any compulsion, the victim, still kneeling, bends his head forward, and almost instantaneously it leaps from his body, severed by one swift stroke. The assistant pushes the trunk over forward, and a shrill burst of approving "Hi-yahs" goes up from the crowd.

After the uncertain and clumsy operations of the medieval headman, one had been led to suppose that a human head required a great deal of severance; but so adept are the Chinese executioners that they seem to display no more effort or emotion in cutting off a head than they would in lopping a poppy from its stalk.

With fearful rapidity the slaughter proceeds, and not five seconds elapse between the fall of each head. One unerring stroke ends each life, and the victims are so arranged that each can witness the fate of all those in front of him before his turn comes.

The crowd is now in the most jovial humor, and signifies its light-hearted enjoyment by ribald chaff at the expense of the remaining victims, who frequently retort defiantly, and exhibit the most stolid indifference to their fate.

Suddenly a burst of merriment arises in one corner. A portly merchant has approached too near, and his long white coat is splashed with blood. How the bystanders laugh! Was there ever such a good joke!

The last few heads are falling now, when my hand is plucked by an excited youngster of ten, dancing with delight, who cries, eagerly: "Ho-tai? (Isn't it beautiful?) I repress a fierce desire to throttle him, and in a few seconds all is over. Justice is vindicated, and the crowd quickly disperses, all but the city gamins, who remain behind to rehearse the whole proceedings and to skylark with the bodies.

Horrible though the sight has been, death has, at any rate, being swift and merciful, but another day the supreme horror of Chinese justice is revealed to us.

For certain offenders, notably parricides and women who kill their husbands, the penalty is the "Ling-chee," or "thousand cuts." This is too ghastly for detailed description, but suffice it to say that the victim is first crucified to a low cross, and then slowly sliced to pieces with a knife.

So skillful is the executioner that although his victim soon becomes unrecognizable as a human being, yet no vital wound is inflicted till perhaps half an hour of this torture has elapsed, when the agony is ended by decapitation.

So superior an entertainment as this is naturally rewarded by a full house, and even greater merriment prevails than at mere head-chopping displays, which savor somewhat of monotony to the blasé Cantonese.

Men and Women Patrons.

There is a great difference in men and women in their methods of buying shoes. This, says Shoe and Leather Facts, is the opinion of a retailer who handles footwear for both sexes. The additional time given to suiting the fair sex is by no means lost. If a woman is satisfactorily suited she is apt to be a more valuable and permanent patron than a man. She often talks about her footwear to her friends, whereas a man seldom does. She expatiates on the satisfaction in style and fit which her shoes, purchased at such and such a store, give her, and she never forgets to mention how attentive and obliging the sales people in the store are. This latter has its due effect, and the first time her friends experience, or fancy they do, any lack of attention in the store they have been in the habit of dealing in heretofore, they resolve to visit the one which they have heard is noted for politeness and attention to patrons. In many ways it pays to be especially attentive to lady patrons and not to grudge them all the time they wish to consume when purchasing footwear.

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